GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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Youth Hostels
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Youth Hostels functioning in the country, State/district-wise;
(b) the role and responsibility of the Government in the functioning of these hostels;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up new Youth Hostels in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the number of people who stayed in these hostels during the last three years and the current year;
(e) the criteria adopted for use of these hostels in the country; and
(f) whether there is any limit on the number of days a person can stay in these hostels at a stretch and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) The number of Youth Hostels in the country, State/district-wise, is at Annexure.
(b) The "Youth Hostel" is a joint venture of the Central and State Governments. While the Central Government bears the cost of construction, the State Government provides fully-developed land free-of-cost, with water supply, electricity connection and approach roads. The Youth Hostels are looked after by Managers, appointed by the Central Govt. on the recommendation of the candidate by a Committee chaired by the District Collector/Deputy Commissioner or his nominee In addition, for each Youth Hostel, there is a Hostel Management Committee (HMC). HMCs are chaired by District Magistrates (in case of Hostels located in Districts) and by State Secretaries of Youth Affairs (in case of Hostels located at State capitals). HMCs are responsible for effective management & maintenance of the Youth Hostels.
(c) The Government of India has no proposal to set up new Youth Hostel in the country.
(d) According to a recent Survey, about one-fourth of the Youth Hostels had occupancy of 50% & above. Some Youth Hostels had occupancy even upto 90%.
(e) Youth Hostels have been built to promote youth travel and to enable the young people to experience the rich cultural heritage of the country. This overall criteria is kept in view while utilizing the Hostel facilities.
(f) The maximum period of stay in the Hostel is three nights which can be extended, at the discretion of the Manager, up to seven nights in deserving cases.
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